

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 22, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

wherein B is a boron atom in a trivalent atomic valance state, Q¹ to Q⁴ are the same or different, and represent a halogen atom, a hydrocarbon having 1 to 20 carbon atom(s), a halogenated hydrocarbon having 1 to 20 carbon atom(s), an alkoxy group having 1 to 20 carbon atom(s), a silyl group substituted with a hydrocarbon having 1 to 20 carbon atom(s), or an amino group disubstituted with hydrocarbons having 1 to 20 carbon atom(s) “Z⁺ represents an inorganic or organic cation, and (L-H) represents Brønsted acid”; and

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 27, line 12, ending at page 28, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Examples of the substituted C7 to C20 aralkyloxy group include those substituted with a halogen atom, an alkyl group, an alkoxy group, an aryloxy group, a hydrocarbon-substituted amino group, or with a silyl group substituted with a hydrocarbon. Specific examples thereof include (2-methylphenyl)methoxy group, (3-methylphenyl)methoxy group, (4-methylphenyl)methoxy group, (2,3-dimethylphenyl)methoxy group, (2,4-dimethylphenyl)methoxy group, (2,5-dimethylphenyl)methoxy group, (2,6-dimethylphenyl)methoxy group, (3,4-dimethylphenyl)methoxy group, (2,3,4-trimethylphenyl)methoxy group, (2,3,5-trimethylphenyl)methoxy group, (2,3,6-trimethylphenyl)methoxy group, (3,4,5-trimethylphenyl)methoxy group, (2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)methoxy group, (2,3,4,5-tetramethylphenyl)methoxy group,

(2,3,4,6-tetramethylphenyl)methoxy group,
(2,3,5,6-tetramethylphenyl)methoxy group,
(pentamethylphenyl)methoxy group, (ethylphenyl)methoxy group,
(n-propylphenyl)methoxy group, (isopropylphenyl)methoxy group,
(n-butylphenyl)methoxy group, (sec-butylphenyl)methoxy group,
(tert-butylphenyl)methoxy group, (n-pentylphenyl)methoxy group, (neopentylphenyl)methoxy group, (n-hexylphenyl)methoxy group, (n-octylphenyl)methoxy group,
(n-decylphenyl)methoxy group, (n-dodecylphenyl)methoxy group, (fluorophenyl)methyl methoxy group, (difluorophenyl)methyl methoxy group, (pentafluorophenyl)methyl methoxy group, (chlorophenyl)methyl methoxy group, (methoxyphenyl)methyl methoxy group, (phenoxyphenyl)methyl methoxy group, (dimethylaminophenyl)methyl methoxy group and (trimethylsilylphenyl)methyl methoxy group. Preferable examples of the substituted or unsubstituted C7 to C20 aralkyloxy groups include benzyloxy group and the like.

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 28, line 23, ending at page 29, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Specific examples thereof include 2-methylphenoxy group, 3-methylphenoxy group, 4-methylphenoxy group, 2,3-dimethylphenoxy group, 2,4-dimethylphenoxy group, 2,5-dimethylphenoxy group, 2,6-dimethylphenoxy group, 3,4-dimethylphenoxy group, 3,5-dimethylphenoxy group, 2,3,4-trimethylphenoxy group, 2,3,5-trimethylphenoxy group, 2,3,6-trimethylphenoxy group, 2,4,5-trimethylphenoxy group, 2,4,6-trimethylphenoxy group, 3,4,5-trimethylphenoxy group, 2,3,4,5-tetramethylphenoxy group, 2,3,4,6-tetramethylphenoxy group, 2,3,5,6-tetramethylphenoxy group, pentamethylphenoxy group, ethylphenoxy group, n-propylphenoxy group, isopropylphenoxy group, n-butylphenoxy group, sec-butylphenoxy group, tert-butylphenoxy group, n-hexylphenoxy group, n-octylphenoxy group, n-decylphenoxy group, n-tetradecylphenoxy group, 2-fluorophenoxy group, 3-fluorophenoxy group, 4-fluorophenoxy group, 3,5-difluorophenoxy group, pentafluorophenoxy group, 4-chlorophenoxy group, 2-methoxyphenoxy group, 3-methoxyphenoxy group, 4-methoxyphenoxy group, 4-phenoxyphenoxy group, 4-dimethylaminophenoxy group and

4-trimethylsilylphenoxy group. Preferable examples of the substituted or unsubstituted C7 to C20 aryloxy groups include the phenoxy group and the like.

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 76, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The molar ratio between the phosphine dihalide of formula (22B) (22C) and the metal aryl compound of formula (22E) (22D) is not particularly restricted, the ratio is preferably in the range of 1:2 to 1:5, more preferably in the range of 1:2 to 1:2.5.

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 187, line 16, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The reaction above is usually performed in a solvent inert to the reaction. Examples of the solvent include aromatic hydrocarbon solvents such as benzene, toluene or the like; aliphatic hydrocarbon solvents such as hexane, heptane or the like; and ether solvents such as diethyl ether, tetrahydrofuran or the like. These solvents may be used alone or as a mixture of at least two of them. The amount thereof is usually 1 to 200 parts by weight, preferably 3 to 50 parts by weight, per part by weight of the metal aryl compound (26F) of formula (8).

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 205, line 16, ending at page 206, line 23, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Examples of the aralkyloxy group having 7 to 20 carbon atoms, represented by X¹, include benzyloxy group, naphthylmethoxy group, anthracenylmethoxy group and diphenylmethoxy group. These may be further substituted, and examples thereof include those substituted with a halogen atom, an alkyl group, an alkoxy group, an aryloxy group, a hydrocarbon-substituted amino group, or with a silyl group substituted with a hydrocarbon. Specific examples thereof include (2-methylphenyl)methoxy group, (3-methylphenyl)methoxy group, (4-methylphenyl)methoxy group, (2,3-dimethylphenyl)methoxy group, (2,4-dimethylphenyl)methoxy group,

(2,5-dimethylphenyl)methoxy group, (2,6-dimethylphenyl)methoxy group,
(3,4-dimethylphenyl)methoxy group, (2,3,4-trimethylphenyl)methoxy group,
(2,3,5-trimethylphenyl)methoxy group, (2,3,6-trimethylphenyl)methoxy group,
(3,4,5-trimethylphenyl)methoxy group, (2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)methoxy group,
(2,3,4,5-tetramethylphenyl)methoxy group, (2,3,4,6-tetramethylphenyl)methoxy group,
(2,3,5,6-tetramethylphenyl)methoxy group, (pentamethylphenyl)methoxy group,
(ethylphenyl)methoxy group, (n-propylphenyl)methoxy group, (isopropylphenyl)methoxy
group, (n-butylphenyl)methoxy group, (sec-butylphenyl)methoxy group,
(tert-butylphenyl)methoxy group, (n-pentylphenyl)methoxy group, (neopentylphenyl)methoxy
group, (n-hexylphenyl)methoxy group, (n-octylphenyl)methoxy group,
(n-decylphenyl)methoxy group, (n-dodecylphenyl)methoxy group, (fluorophenyl)methyl
methoxy group, (difluorophenyl)methyl methoxy group, (pentafluorophenyl)methyl methoxy
group, (chlorophenyl)methyl methoxy group, (methoxyphenyl)methyl methoxy group,
(phenoxyphenyl)methyl methoxy group, (dimethoxyaminophenyl)methyl methoxy group and
(trimethoxysilylphenyl)methyl methoxy group. The aralkyloxy group havin having 7 to 20
carbon atoms that may be substituted is preferably a benzyloxy group.